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Casey's General Stores, Inc.  
Cheri Sharp  
Casey's Retail Company  
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## SERVICE OF PROCESS NOTICE

Item: 2024-607

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Note: Any questions regarding the substance of the matter described below, including the status or how to respond, should be directed to the contact set forth in line 12 below or to the court or government agency where the matter is being heard.

1.	<b>Entity Served:</b>	Casey's General Stores, Inc.
2.	<b>Title of Action:</b>	James Kevin Cook vs. Casey's General Stores, Inc.
3.	<b>Document(s) Served:</b>	Summons Complaint Affidavit Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 222(b)
4.	<b>Court/Agency:</b>	Williamson County Circuit Court
5.	<b>State Served:</b>	Illinois
6.	<b>Case Number:</b>	2024LA33
7.	<b>Case Type:</b>	Negligence/Injuries
8.	<b>Method of Service:</b>	Hand Delivered
9.	<b>Date Received:</b>	Friday 04/05/2024
10.	<b>Date to Client:</b>	Monday 04/08/2024
11.	<b># Days When Answer Due: Answer Due Date:</b>	30 Sunday 05/05/2024  <b>CAUTION:</b> Client is solely responsible for verifying the accuracy of the estimated Answer Due Date. To avoid missing a crucial deadline, we recommend immediately confirming in writing with opposing counsel that the date of the service in their records matches the Date Received.
12.	<b>Sop Sender:</b> (Name, City, State, and Phone Number)	Sam C. Mitchell West Frankfort, IL (618) 932-2772
13.	<b>Shipped To Client By:</b>	Email Only with PDF Link
14.	<b>Tracking Number:</b>	
15.	<b>Handled By:</b>	141
16.	<b>Notes:</b>	

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JAMES KEVIN COOK,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASEY'S GENERAL STORES, INC.,

Defendant.

2024LA33

Case No. 24-LA-\_\_\_\_\_

SUMMONS

To each defendant: Casey's General Stores, Inc., c/o United Agent Group, Inc., 1320 Tower Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173.

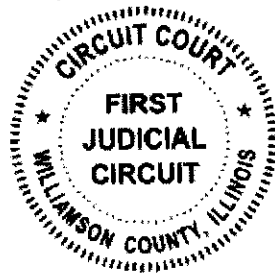
You are summoned and require to file an answer in this case, or otherwise file your appearance in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Williamson County Courthouse, Marion, Illinois, within 30 days after the service of this summons, not counting the day of service. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

To the Officer: Special Process Server

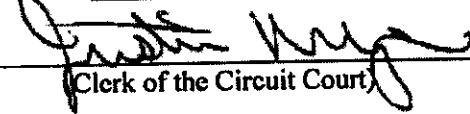
This summons must be returned by the officer or other person to whom it was given for service, with indorsement of service and fees, if any, immediately after service. If service cannot be made, summons shall be returned so indorsed.

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This summons may not be served later than 30 days after its date.



April 1  
WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deputy)

SAM C. MITCHELL & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
115 East Main Street, P.O. Box 280  
West Frankfort, IL 62896  
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Service and return... ..\$\_\_\_\_\_

**SHERIFF'S FEES**

Miles \_\_\_\_\_ .....

Total .....\$\_\_\_\_\_

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Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County

I certify that I served this summons on defendants as follows:

(a) – (Individual defendants – personal):

By leaving a copy and a copy of the complaint with each individual defendant personally, as follows:

Name of defendant

Date of Service

\_\_\_\_\_

(b) – (Individual defendants – abode):

By leaving a copy and a copy of the complaint at the usual place of abode of each individual defendant with a person of his/her family, of the age of 13 years or upwards, informing that person of the contents of the summons, and also by sending a copy of the summons and of the complaint in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid, addressed to each individual defendant at his usual place of abode, as follows:

Name of defendant

Person with whom left

Date of Service

Date of Mailing

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(c) – (Corporation defendants):

By leaving a copy and a copy of the complaint with the registered agent, officer or agent of each defendant corporation, as follows:

Defendant corporation

Registered agent, officer or agent

Date of Service

\_\_\_\_\_

(d) – (Other service):

\_\_\_\_\_, Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JAMES KEVIN COOK,

2024LA33

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 24-LA-\_\_\_\_\_

CASEY'S GENERAL STORES, INC.,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Now comes the Plaintiff, JAMES KEVIN COOK, by Sam C. Mitchell & Associates, his attorneys, and for his Complaint herein against the Defendant, CASEY'S GENERAL STORES, INC., says:

1. At all times herein mentioned, the Defendant, CASEY'S GENERAL STORES, INC., was operating a business offering various products for retail sale to the general public and was located at 1117 Grand Avenue, Johnston City, Williamson County, Illinois.
2. At all times herein mentioned, the Defendant, while engaging in the operation of said business, did invite the general public, including the Plaintiff herein, upon said premises.
3. At all times herein mentioned, it was the duty of the Defendant to use reasonable care to keep the said premises, in a safe condition for invitees of said business.
4. At all times herein mentioned, the Plaintiff was on the premises of the said Defendant at the place aforesaid as a patron or invitee of the said business.
5. On April 20, 2022, at approximately 4:00 p.m., while the Plaintiff was upon the said business premises of the Defendant and while the Plaintiff was rightly in a place where he would reasonably be expected to be as a customer, patron, or invitee, Plaintiff's foot came into

contact with a curb that was extended out from the entrance of the storefront upon said premises thereby causing him to fall.


6. The Defendant herein did then and there commit one or more of the following careless and negligent acts or omissions to act, either directly or by and through its agents, employees, or servants, said employees, agents or servants acting within the scope of said agency, thereby proximately causing, in whole or in part, the injuries and damages hereinafter stated:

- a. Placed and/or maintained a concrete curb that was not flush with the storefront when the Defendant knew of in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that someone would likely be injured thereby.
- b. Placed and/or maintained a concrete curb that created a trip hazard when the Defendant knew of in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that someone would not anticipate its presence and likely trip while walking to enter their store.
- c. Failed to give invitees, including Plaintiff herein, any warning of said hazards when the Defendant knew of in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that someone would be injured thereby.
- d. Failed to remove said hazards, when the Defendant knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that someone would likely be injured thereby.

7. As a direct and proximate result, in whole or in part, of one or more of the foregoing careless and negligent acts or omissions to act, the Plaintiff herein was temporarily and permanently injured; Plaintiff has been prevented from engaging in his activities of normal life and will in the future be prevented from engaging in his activities of normal life; he has and will in the future suffer great pain and suffering as a result of the said injuries; Plaintiff has experienced and will continue to experience emotional distress as a result of the occurrence; he has and will in the future expend or incur large sums of money in endeavoring to become cured of the said injuries.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, JAMES KEVIN COOK, prays judgment against the Defendant, CASEY'S GENERAL STORES, INC., in such sum as may be FAIR and JUST for the damages herein sustained, together with costs of suit.

JAMES KEVIN COOK, Plaintiff

By:   
SAM C. MITCHELL & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

TO THE CIRCUIT CLERK:

1. Please issue summons herein.
2. Plaintiff demands a jury of 6 herein.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS       )  
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COUNTY OF FRANKLIN    )       SS.:

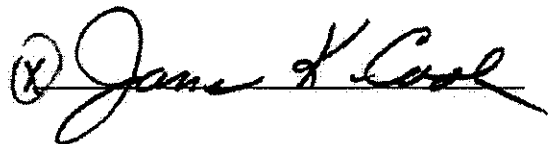
AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 222(b)

1.

The Undersigned Plaintiff, in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 222(b), states that the total amount of damages sought in this case exceeds \$50,000.

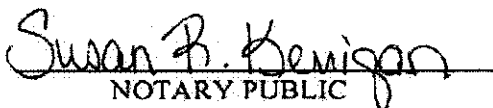
2.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant S.H.A. 735 ILCS 5/1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the things contained in the foregoing instrument are true.



SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this

29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

  
NOTARY PUBLIC



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